

DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA DECEMBER 1979

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Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendices D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- n.a. not available
 - r figure or series revised since previous issue
 - n.y.a. not yet available
7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 750 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																		
November	8,437	7,309	22,020	40.7	7,112	7,523	22,404	24,323	597	640	455	428	42.1	36.2	286	228		
December	4,996	6,315		25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252		
January	4,565	6,285		25.7	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	239		
February	7,242	7,045	22,214	34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238		
March	7,464	7,174		37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259		
April	5,709	6,807		32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249		
May	8,209	6,821	18,255	40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235		
June	7,087	6,722		34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246		
1979-80																		
July	6,513	6,190		36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241		
August	6,853	7,236	24,667	39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272		
September	7,384	7,532		33.5	8,025	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301		
October	8,353	7,346		38.4	7,930	7,877	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	331	274		
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,511	7,973	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294		
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,375	8,021	21,946	25,678	749	740	422	443	28.9	34.6	292	311		

(a) Gross mine output by the manufacturer in a static contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains: includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of in finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																
November	3,642	3,373	7,785	6,355	11,919	258	248	231.5	724	467	91,880	75.1	20,499	20,603		
December	2,791	3,140	7,601	6,777	18,991	208	239	233.6	764	466	51,084	74.7				
January	1,228	3,118	7,315	6,811	14,162	215	236	237.0	579	464	37,797	73.2				
February	3,061	2,903	7,702	6,241	11,603	229	244	241.5	435	476	35,128	70.3	21,231	21,254		
March	4,214	3,878	7,689	5,955	12,411	243	232	244.7	436	460	41,661	71.6				
April	2,766	3,332	7,511	5,877	10,156	199	218	248.7	461	461	32,642	73.1				
May	3,599	3,442	7,615	5,799	13,804	216	195	252.1	474	474	32,935	73.5	21,989	21,936		
June	4,491	3,837	7,614	6,699	13,870	216	181	255.3	231	479	23,386	71.6				
1978-80																
July	3,921	3,804	7,559	7,601	13,619	190	185	259.2	312	478	43,007	74.8				
August	4,091	3,246	7,779	7,421	13,353	214	208	261.5	484	512	79,058	76.9	23,028	22,942		
September	4,925	4,536	7,541	7,861	11,914	211	215	263.3	617	501	86,064	75.9				
October	3,745	3,254	7,929	7,441	14,758	237	213	266.8	726	457	117,187	73.4				
November	3,659	3,092	7,995	8,401	13,394	202	191	269.3	709	456	90,005	74.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
December	3,539	4,473	7,661	7,770	9,434	166	188	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports value \$m		Total imports value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c) 1974-75 = 100		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance- on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (b) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
					Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1978-79											
November	1,209	1,148	1,206	1,141	2,425	2,228	137	-215	282	3,226	3,259
December	1,088	1,163	1,034	1,160			140	-251	187	3,200	3,229
January	1,303	1,253	1,213	1,120			142	-212	105	3,377	3,450
February	1,130	1,207	1,051	1,133	2,596	2,114	146	-135	357	3,723	3,705
March	1,176	1,276	1,144	1,192			149	-314	196	3,600	3,605
April	1,248	1,251	1,120	1,215			156	-248	341	3,677	3,610
May	1,495	1,395	1,393	1,249	2,589	2,202	159	-179	240	3,824	3,758
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,370			161	-199	226	3,885	3,824
1979-80											
July	1,400	1,384	1,227	1,135			161	-252	122	3,865	3,814
August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232	2,569	2,001	162	-265	41	3,667	3,708
September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200			164	51	247	3,858	3,893
October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347			169	87	15	4,106	4,129
November	1,679	1,612	1,371	1,317	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4	118	4,148	4,174
December	1,564	1,665	1,167	1,299			n.y.a.	7	-164	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405 0. (b) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales (a)														Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e)
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)		Food and drink (b)		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b)		Other (b)(c)		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000			
	\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m						\$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	
1978-79														
November	2,224	2,121	3,331	3,124	2,530	2,181	1,345	1,146	39.1	38.1	9.9	9.6	3,000	
December	2,891	2,178							35.2	38.4	8.6	9.4	2,027	
January	2,038	2,183							31.0	35.7	7.7	9.1	3,027	
February	1,945	2,202	3,149	3,217	1,932	2,242	1,075	1,147	35.4	38.6	9.4	10.7	3,021	
March	2,174	2,220							38.9	37.7	9.5	9.3	3,017	
April	2,087	2,223							36.4	38.0	8.7	9.2	3,016	
May	2,337	2,251	3,216	3,291	2,259	2,237	1,089	1,164	45.4	40.1	10.7	9.3	3,029	
June	2,140	2,220							40.2	39.8	9.7	9.1	3,034	
1979-80														
July	2,181	2,328							44.2	42.0	10.4	9.3	3,047	
August	2,322	2,320	3,301	3,413	2,203	2,303	1,145	1,214	43.3	39.4	9.8	9.2	3,030	
September	2,176	2,318							36.1	38.4	8.9	9.7	3,023	
October	2,334	2,314							39.8	37.8	10.7	10.0	3,027	
November	2,493	2,350	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.5	36.3	10.1	10.2	3,040	
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: August \$146m, September \$128m, October \$150m, November \$143m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

		Consumer price index: six capitals, 1966-67 = 100 (unless otherwise noted)													
		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	All groups	Food (d)		Clothing (e)	Housing (f)	Household equipment and operation (g)	Transportation (h)	Tobacco and alcohol (i)	Health and personal care (j)	Recreation (k)
Month		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1978-79	November	228.20	222.00	547.5	n.a.	258.2	244.0		274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5
	December			569.6	n.a.		245.3								
	January			569.7	n.a.		250.1								
	February	222.80	231.00	569.8	n.a.	262.6	251.9		276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7
	March			570.1	n.a.		251.9								
	April			570.4	n.a.		259.6								
1979-80	May	232.80	231.40	570.5	n.a.	269.6	263.3		284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0
	June			588.3	n.a.		267.4								
	July			588.5	1.3		272.6								
	August	237.80	238.10	588.8	1.4	275.8	270.9		288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2
	September			588.9	1.3		271.5								
	October			588.8	1.4		275.1								
	November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.5	284.1	276.2		292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7	297.5	335.3	129.4
	December			n.y.a.	1.6		281.2								

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330 0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

											Price indexes (a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises			
		Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building	Materials used in build- ing other than house building	New buildings and structures \$m		Other new capital equipment \$m	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	November	637.3	545.6	11.4	10.5	108.9	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5	263.0	262.5	662.3	1582.8	1,667.7	1567.7
	December	460.1	519.6	9.8	10.9	70.6					264.6	264.4				
	January	439.1	535.6	8.1	10.5	104.4					266.9	268.3				
	February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	31.7	270.9	273.4	452.6	1555.7	1,448.5	1661.2
	March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0					273.7	275.0				
	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9					277.2	277.3				
1979-80	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	31.3	278.7	278.6	1575.5	1556.5	1,873.4	1731.3
	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6					280.2	279.3				
	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6					283.6	285.2				
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	32.7	31.0	287.6	288.5	1531.9	1524.0	1531.1	1559.7
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.7	126.9					290.6	290.2				
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3					293.4	292.2				
	November	847.9	798.1	13.0	12.4	131.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	295.0	293.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					297.4	299.3				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks depositors balances a		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding	Housing finance for owner occupation (value of loans approved (d))			Common wealth bond yield short dated (f)	Listed companies new monies raised	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds	
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		\$m	Banks	Permanent building societies	Other lenders (e)	per cent	\$m	\$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79														
November	18,677	18,593	19,232	19,158	14,324	14,122	16,350	342	195	105	8.68	500.8	2,396	2,268
December	18,870	18,774	19,601	19,327	14,515	14,373	16,571	246	164	79	8.67	1,776	2,270	
January	19,056	18,965	20,046	19,431	14,366	14,501	16,586	334	172	80	8.72	2,115	2,338	
February	19,278	19,171	20,461	19,664	14,304	14,716	16,655	318	204	68	8.77	172.2	2,347	2,423
March	19,340	19,445	20,852	19,985	14,472	14,779	16,755	316	216	97	9.00		2,227	2,383
April	19,229	19,589	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9.61		2,346	2,425
May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	188	183	109	9.70	127.9	2,213	2,215
June	19,833	19,865	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	308	166	89	9.94		2,623	2,342
1979-80														
July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94		1,887	2,372
August	20,131	20,059	19,358	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94	465.7	2,606	2,612
September	20,247	20,095	20,314	20,787	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95		1,883	2,508
October	20,364	20,159	20,995	21,027	16,215	15,829	17,846	256	208	96	9.94		2,114	2,553
November	20,412	20,325	21,463	21,518	16,411	16,179	18,128	312	213	103	9.96		0.5.8.	0.5.8.
December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	22,148	21,838	16,612	16,448	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.		n.s.a.	n.s.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614 0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current. To less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter		Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure							
		\$m		\$m		\$m		Private \$m		Government \$m		Private \$m		Public \$m					
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
AT CURRENT PRICES																			
1978-79	September	23,900	24,472	1,917	1,510	22,883	22,962	14,177	14,492	4,061	4,094	3,360	3,366	1,814	1,965				
	December	27,091	24,985	2,348	1,586	24,743	23,399	15,689	14,886	4,279	4,125	3,794	3,589	2,082	1,990				
	March	25,366	25,989	2,162	1,706	23,204	24,283	14,763	15,365	3,950	4,230	3,348	3,717	1,793	2,093				
	June	25,269	26,489	1,415	1,888	24,134	24,603	15,708	15,711	4,418	4,272	3,975	3,802	2,225	2,152				
1979-80	September	27,000	27,307	1,441	1,814	25,559	25,343	16,062	16,216	4,277	4,311	3,367	3,570	1,960	2,124				
	December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.				
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																			
1978-79	September	17,355	17,000	17	1,282	15,769	15,724	8,748	9,817	2,333	2,805	2,252	2,268	1,252	1,367				
	December	18,927	17,088	2,065	1,286	16,834	15,877	10,171	9,837	2,090	2,081	2,406	2,374	1,417	1,399				
	March	17,114	17,170	1,800	1,226	15,708	16,094	9,525	9,963	2,471	2,619	2,152	2,182	1,183	1,190				
	June	16,084	17,202	477	1,305	15,601	15,917	9,939	9,920	2,663	2,805	2,017	2,192	1,633	1,576				
1979-80	September	17,766	17,368	832	1,214	16,564	16,133	9,015	9,997	2,976	2,708	2,117	2,191	1,232	1,340				
	December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.				
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																			
Quarter		Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Consumption		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm households		Other non-farm household income		Transfer payments		Household disposable income	
		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	September	4,056	3,958	3,861	3,618	2,668	2,665	5,100	5,177	13,484	13,643	492	19,944	2,813	17,624				
	December	4,276	4,395	4,000	3,828	3,245	2,780	6,787	5,608	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,228	3,009	19,950				
	March	4,315	4,318	4,246	4,416	2,322	2,778	6,061	5,882	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,488	3,768	18,281				
	June	4,597	4,596	4,565	4,526	2,714	2,766	5,025	6,224	14,388	14,462	542	21,915	5,700	16,756				
1979-80	September	4,658	4,550	4,775	4,849	2,976	2,972	6,035	6,154	14,855	14,875	832	22,078	3,283	19,628				
	December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)

JOB
VACANCIES
(c) ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time		Total			Survivor estimates (d)
	Original	Seasonally adj.	Original	Seasonally adj.	Original	Seasonally adj.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Female	Persons	
1978-79														
November	3,082.4	3,072.9	2,313.5	2,321.3	6,367.0	6,393.9	1,410.0	1,179.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7	n.a.	
December	4,168.3		2,373.8		6,538.7		2,199.0	1,839.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		2,385.2	1,859.9	88.0	250.0	196.1	446.2		
February	4,135.4	3,410.4	2,337.8	2,326.4	6,472.9	6,427.9	2,295.5	1,822.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9	n.a.	
March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		2,066.0	1,469.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
April	4,124.6		2,348.8		6,473.1		2,021.1	1,442.2	70.4	217.2	190.5	406.8		
May	4,118.9	3,411.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	1,977.7	1,375.8	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3	
June	4,118.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		1,928.8	1,307.9	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3		
1979-80														
July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		1,862.2	1,313.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5		
August	4,100.7	3,412.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	1,828.8	1,301.1	60.8	199.1	179.7	378.8	33.0	
September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		1,847.7	1,383.3	73.8	201.6	181.0	382.5		
October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		1,781.1	1,333.8	70.2	199.4	191.8	391.2		
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,511.4	1,717.5	1,258.1	64.1	187.8	175.6	363.4	31.3	
December	n.a.		n.a.		n.a.		2,033.4	1,513.8	74.5	228.1	203.5	431.6	42.0	

(a) Combined aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates. (d) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (e) Results of sample surveys of government employees and (f) of payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see Job Vacancies, May 1979 (62310).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a)

Month	Total civilian employees '000		Private Government '000 persons		Principal industries '000 persons		Wholesale and retail trade	
	Males		Females		Persons		Private	
	Original		Seasonally adj.		Original		Original	
1978-79								
November (b)	3,090.3	3,093.0	1,858.8	1,847.0	4,949.1	4,940.0	3,449.5	3,437.0
December	3,094.0	3,096.0	1,856.5	1,857.4	4,950.5	4,953.4	3,446.4	3,436.1
January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.5	1,858.5	4,923.0	4,954.2	3,432.2	3,447.5
February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.0	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.9
March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.2	3,467.4	3,458.2
April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,438.6
May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3
June (b)	3,108.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1
1979-80								
July (b)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,465.8	3,467.1
August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.7	4,993.4	3,469.9	3,470.7
September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0
October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (62130). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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